

South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UNCHANGED FROM APRIL

SIOUX FALLS, May 18, 2001 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 215,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on May 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. The May 1 number is unchanged from a month earlier but up 35,000 head from a year ago.

Placements during April totaled 27,000 head, down 16,000 head from March but up 11,000 head from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 25,000 head, down 7,000 head from March and down 8,000 head from last year.

Other disappearance during April totaled 2,000 head, down 1,000 head from March and down 1,000 head from a year earlier.

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